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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, F.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted responsive to the Office Action dated July 18, 1997 issued in the above-identified application for which a response is due to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on or before October 18, 1997.

Please amend the application as follows:

## In the claims:

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

Claim 1, line 4, after "temperature" insert -- from 37° to 50° C,-..

Claim 3, line 1, delete "2" and insert --1-.

Claim 6, line 2, delete "2".

Claim 10, line 1, delete "claim 9" and insert –anyone of claims 9 or 27—.



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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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